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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned has received an Official Communication, mailed on Nov. 17, 2005, which indicated that Applicant's prior response was not fully responsive, as it has not properly provided a status indicator for all claims. The Official Communication, however, did not indicate which claims had improperly designated status indicators. The undersigned reviewed all claims and believes that all of the status indicators are proper. To verify, the undersigned attorney attempted to

contact Examiner Mitchell. Although the undersigned did not reach Examiner Mitchell directly, the undersigned appreciates the return voice message that Examiner Mitchell provided. In that voice message, Examiner Mitchell stated that the status of claims 31-38 should be indicated as

"withdrawn," rather than "previously presented." The undersigned respectfully disagrees.

In this regard, as noted in the response to the election requirement, the undersigned noted that claim 46 is generic to both species. While claims 31-38 may later be canceled (depending upon the substantive examination of claim 46), at the present time these claims should remain pending (because if claim 46 is found to be allowable, then all claims should be considered).

For at least this reason, the undersigned respectfully submits that the election response filed on November 9, 2005, is proper and the claims should be appropriately examined.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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